

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF

JUNE 7, 2010

MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Ray Williamson, Sandy Welte, Richard Stetson, Ben Cashen, Harbormaster Steve Pixley and Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Keri Lindberg & Katie Morrison from “Healthy Beaches Program”.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

1. Healthy Beaches Program:

Keri Lindberg & Katie Morrison spoke to the committee on the “Healthy Beaches Program” and what the program hopes to accomplish with providing awareness to the public and boaters, the effect of boats discharging waste into the harbor. Keri explained that they are testing for bacteria levels at Laite Beach and the Yacht Club. Laite Beach has very high levels of bacteria which affects the swimming population there. The program is basically in place to try to educate people on how the effects of boats discharging waste and other elements can cause high levels of bacteria in the harbor. The committee thought it was a great program and will keep abreast of the levels recorded throughout the season. The Harbormaster will post signs that have been given to him making the public aware that the harbor is a “no discharge” area and will give a sign to Wayfarer Marine and the Yacht Club to post.

2. Non-Agenda Items:

No discussion.

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3. Approval of May 6th & May 13th Minutes:

Sandy Welte motioned to accept minutes as written. Ben Ellison seconded. **Passed 5-0.**

4. Harbormaster's Report:

Harbormaster Pixley reported that the safety aluminum plates had been placed on the ramps at the harbor and this should help stop people's feet from going between the planks. He also reported to the committee that the mooring puller is very old and will not last much longer. He hadn't included it in the capital reserve accounts, however, next year he will make sure that it is included so that it can be replaced. He will try to use it this year and if not there are several other barges available to do this if needed. He presented to the committee a decision he had made concerning a riparian owner to place a large mooring to moor their 100 foot boat on 3 weeks out of the year and then the Town would be able to use as needed for the rest of the season. Steve feels that this would be advantageous to the Town and the committee agreed.

Ben Ellison spoke to Steve and the committee concerning the channel on the vector chart is not well defined and that the paper charts of the private aid to navigation buoys are not in a straight line and are misleading to vessels coming into the harbor. He asked if the committee would like for him to draft a letter to NOAA to have corrected and the committee thought this would be a good idea.

5. Master Plan For Steam Boat Landing Parking:

The grant application has been completed and sent out by Town Manager Roberta Smith. The committee all thought she did a very good job compiling the information needed to qualify for the grant money.

6. Names on Permits:

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7. Inspector's Insurance:

Chairman McKeever explained as a matter of general information to the committee that from an insurance stand point that the mooring/float owner's homeowners policy covers his/her mooring as it is considered a secondary premises under that policy.

Diver vessel liability insurance covers the diver at the time he actually dives and inspects the mooring. There is insurance available to divers called general liability insurance that is very expensive for divers and would cover the diver additionally after inspecting the mooring as a "completed operation". McKeever and the committee do not feel that the town should be involved in notifying mooring holders if an inspector has insurance or not. This should be between the mooring holder and the inspector they choose to inspect their mooring.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for July 12th at 7:30 a.m. at the Camden Yacht Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk